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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Phase PCT Application of

Michel BAYLOT et al.

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For: Device and Process for the Heat Insulation of at  
Least One Underwater Pipe at Great Depth

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 25 as follows:

3. Heat insulation device according to Claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the protective envelope (3) abutting on the material (4) which is solidified and rigid at least on

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